THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) For the development of Khajuraho airport 355 acres (approx.) land has been acquired so far.

(b) and (c) Work of extension of runway from 6000 feet to 7500 feet has already been completed. Works relating to construction of new terminal building for 500 passengers and car park etc. are likely to be awarded by October, 2006 and the tentative date or completion is December, 2007.

New airport in Bodoland territory

2579. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has asked the State Government of Assam to move a proposal for a new airport likely to be set-up within the Bodoland Territorial Areas District (BTAD) of Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, whether in near future such proposal will come up from the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) has requested the Central Government for establishment of an airport at Kokrajhar in Assam. The proposal is at preliminary stage.

Menu of Indian Airlines

2580. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the standard of food supply provided in the domestic flights of Indian Airlines in terms of quality, taste, and quantity in comparision to private airlines;

(b) whether the same kind of menu are supplied every time in the same sector leading to dislike and rejection by the passengers frequently and whether it cannot be changed periodically instead of continuing the same old menu for weeks and months together when the private airlines could do it; and